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TABLE 1
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN FEBRUARY 1985

NOTE: These labor force data are supplied by the Department of Labor from their Current Population Survey.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (Amounts in thousands)	FEBRUARY 1985	JANUARY 1985	DECEMBER 1984	FEBRUARY 1984
Total civilian labor force[a]	12,803	12,815	12,635	12,316
Total civilian employment	11,950	11,886	11,734	11,331
Total unemployment	853	930	901	985
Seasonally adjusted rate (percent)	6.7	7.3	7.1	8.0
Range[b]	6.0–7.4	6.6–8.0	6.4–7.8	7.3–8.7
U.S. seasonally adjusted rate	7.3	7.4	7.2	7.8
UNADJUSTED (Amounts in thousands)				
Total civilian labor force[a]	12,713	12,761	12,644	12,228
Total civilian employment	12,769	11,738	11,770	11,154
Total unemployment	944	1,024	874	1,075
Unadjusted rate (percent)[c]	7.4	8.0	6.9	8.8
Range[b]	6.7–8.1	7.3–8.7	6.2–7.6	8.1–9.5

a/ Total labor force (and components) by place of residence and including workers involved in trade disputes. Employment includes self-employed, unpaid family and domestic workers.

b/ Range as shown is at the 90 percent level of confidence.

c/ The unemployment rate is based on unrounded data.

HIGHLIGHTS During February, California's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped from 7.3 percent in January to 6.7 percent. This is the lowest unemployment rate in California since May 1981 when the rate was also 6.7 percent. At the national level, the United States' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined slightly from 7.4 percent in January 1985 to 7.3 percent in February. Seasonally adjusted, total employment in California increased from 11,886,000 in January to a record high of 11,950,000 in February. This accounts for 11.2 percent of the total United States' seasonally adjust employment of 106,685,000. Unemployment declined to 853,000 in February 1985. Two years ago, in February of 1983, unemployment was 1,360,000; a year ago it was 985,000.

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased to 10,695,300, the highest wage and salary employment ever reported during February and second only to the 10,798,400 in December of 1984. Since February of last year, total employment has increased by 389,600 jobs. Over the year, the largest employment gain, 136,200, was in the services industry while the greatest percentage increase in employment, 6.7 percent, occurred in the construction industry. Total employment in wholesale trade and retail trade increased by 5.9 percent and 5.4 percent respectively. Total weekly earnings in manufacturing decreased to $400 per week in January 1985 as the average number of hours worked each week dropped from 41.1 to 40.0 and average overtime hours declined by 0.6 hours per week.

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TABLE 2
EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF THE WORKING-AGE POPULATION IN CALIFORNIA[1/]

(Numbers in Thousands)

EMPLOYMENT STATUS	FEBRUARY 1985	JANUARY 1985	DECEMBER 1984	FEBRUARY 1984
Total				
Labor Force	12,713	12,761	12,644	12,228
Employed	11,769	11,738	11,770	11,154
Unemployed	944	1,024	874	1,075
Unemployment Rate	7.4	8.0	6.9	8.8
Male, Age 20 and Over				
Labor Force	6,722	6,741	6,702	6,433
Employed	6,305	6,260	6,268	5,903
Unemployed	417	481	434	531
Unemployment Rate	6.2	7.1	6.5	8.2
Female, Age 20 and Over				
Labor Force	5,278	5,259	5,136	5,013
Employed	4,891	4,876	4,849	4,652
Unemployed	388	383	287	362
Unemployment Rate	7.3	7.3	5.6	7.2
Both Sexes, Age 16—19				
Labor Force	713	761	806	782
Employed	573	602	653	600
Unemployed	139	159	154	183
Unemployment Rate	19.5	20.9	19.1	23.4
White				
Labor Force	10,835	10,809	10,643	10,398
Employed	10,053	9,959	9,943	9,537
Unemployed	782	850	700	860
Unemployment Rate	7.2	7.9	6.6	8.3
Nonwhite				
Labor Force	1,878	1,952	2,055	1,831
Employed	1,716	1,779	1,827	1,616
Unemployed	162	174	174	215
Unemployment Rate	8.6	8.9	8.7	11.7

1/ Data supplied by the Department of Labor from their current population survey. No comparable data available for areas within California. The unemployment rates are based on unrounded data.

TABLE 3
EARNINGS AND HOURS[a/] OF PRODUCTION AND RELATED WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING IN CALIFORNIA

Area	Average weekly earnings			Average hours per week			Average hourly earnings		
	January 1985	December 1984	January 1984	January 1985	December 1984	January 1984	January 1985	December 1984	January 1984
California	$399.60	$410.18	$386.72	40.0	41.1	40.2	$9.99	$9.98	$9.62

a/ Average hours and earnings are based upon data for full-time and part-time production and related workers in manufacturing industries. Average gross weekly and hourly earnings include overtime pay and premium wages for late-shift work. Attention is directed to the fact that these are not wage rates but are averages of gross earnings.

TABLE 4
MONTHLY WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT ANALYSIS FOR FEBRUARY PRELMINARY
EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS OF JOBS
—DATA NOT ADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY—

INDUSTRY TITLE	CURRENT MONTH FEBRUARY 85	PREVIOUS MONTH JANUARY 85	YEAR AGO FEBRUARY 84	NUMERICAL CHANGE		PERCENT CHANGE	
				MONTH/MONTH	YEAR/YEAR	MONTH/MONTH	YEAR/YEAR
Total Nonagricultural Employment	10,695.3	10,664.8	10,305.7	30.5	389.6	0.3	3.8
Mining	49.2	49.5	48.8	−0.3	0.4	−0.6	0.8
Metal Mining	1.6	1.6	1.4	0.0	0.2	0.0	14.3
Fuel Mining	41.2	41.5	41.0	−0.3	0.2	−0.7	0.5
Nonmetal Mining	6.4	6.4	6.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Construction	434.1	439.9	406.9	−5.8	27.2	−1.3	6.7
General Building Contractors	104.2	113.7	107.2	−9.5	−3.0	−8.4	−2.8
Heavy Construction	58.6	57.9	57.3	0.7	1.3	1.2	2.3
Special Trade Contractors	271.3	268.3	242.4	3.0	28.9	1.1	11.9
Manufacturing	2,050.5	2,046.4	1,996.6	4.1	53.9	0.2	2.7
Nondurable Goods	630.1	628.3	626.3	1.8	3.8	0.3	0.6
Durable Goods	1,420.4	1,418.1	1,370.3	2.3	50.1	0.2	3.7
Food and Kindred	159.2	160.2	160.2	−1.0	−1.0	−0.6	−0.6
Canned, Cured, Frozen Sea Foods	5.7	6.0	7.9	−0.3	−2.2	−5.0	−27.8
Preserved Fruits and Vegetables	41.4	41.6	42.6	−0.2	−1.2	−0.5	−2.8
Other Food and Kindred Products	112.1	112.6	109.7	−0.5	2.4	−0.4	2.2
Textile Mill Products	14.0	13.8	14.1	0.2	−0.1	1.4	−0.7
Apparel and Other Textile Products	110.8	108.4	109.8	2.4	1.0	2.2	0.9
Paper and Allied Products	38.7	38.3	38.1	0.4	0.6	1.0	1.6
Printing and Publishing	140.3	139.7	134.2	0.6	6.1	0.4	4.5
Chemicals and Allied Products	63.3	64.3	63.9	−1.0	−0.6	−1.6	−0.9
Petroleum and Coal Products	29.2	28.9	30.6	0.3	−1.4	1.0	−4.6
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	66.6	66.5	66.5	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
Leather and Leather Products	8.0	8.2	8.9	−0.2	−0.9	−2.4	−10.1
Lumber & Wood Prod. exc. Furniture	51.0	51.4	52.2	−0.4	−1.2	−0.8	−2.3
Furniture and Fixtures	60.5	60.6	58.0	−0.1	2.5	−0.2	4.3
Stone, Clay and Glass Products	49.3	50.5	50.3	−1.2	−1.0	−2.4	−2.0
Primary Metal Industries	42.1	41.2	41.9	0.9	0.2	2.2	0.5
Fabricated Metal Products	141.2	141.3	141.0	−0.1	0.2	−0.1	0.1
Machinery except Electrical	238.6	236.9	232.8	1.7	5.8	0.7	2.5
Electrical Equipment and Supplies	408.3	407.5	381.6	0.8	26.7	0.2	7.0
Transportation Equipment	282.2	281.6	268.9	0.6	13.3	0.2	4.9
Motor Vehicles and Equipment	34.1	34.2	32.5	−0.1	1.6	−0.3	4.9
Aircraft and Parts	146.2	145.8	138.0	0.4	8.2	0.3	5.9
Ship & Boat Building & Repairing	16.9	16.8	19.3	0.1	−2.4	0.6	−12.4
Guided Miss., Space Vehicles Parts	73.8	73.7	68.4	0.1	5.4	0.1	7.9
Other Transportation Equipment	11.2	11.1	10.7	0.1	0.5	0.9	4.7
Instruments and Related Products	109.8	109.3	105.5	0.5	4.3	0.5	4.1
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	37.4	37.8	38.1	−0.4	−0.7	−1.1	−1.8
Transportation and Public Utilities	545.5	545.5	534.1	0.0	11.4	0.0	2.1
Transportation	305.2	305.1	291.6	0.1	13.6	0.0	4.7
Railroads	23.8	23.8	24.9	0.0	−1.1	0.0	−4.4
Trucking and Warehousing	123.3	122.7	116.3	0.6	7.0	0.5	6.0
Other Transportation	158.1	158.6	150.4	−0.5	7.7	−0.3	5.1
Communications	161.8	161.8	165.8	0.0	−4.0	0.0	−2.4
Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services	78.5	78.6	76.7	−0.1	1.8	−0.1	2.3
Wholesale Trade	660.3	656.9	623.8	3.4	36.5	0.5	5.9
Retail Trade	1,902.2	1,914.8	1,805.4	−12.6	96.8	−0.7	5.4
General Merchandise Stores	236.6	253.6	234.2	−17.0	2.4	−6.7	1.0
Food Stores	267.8	268.9	258.2	−1.1	9.6	−0.4	3.7
Other Retail Trade	1,397.8	1,392.3	1,313.0	5.5	84.8	0.4	6.5
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	700.9	700.8	682.6	0.1	18.3	0.0	2.7
Finance	349.0	349.6	341.9	−0.6	7.1	−0.2	2.1
Insurance Agents, Carriers, Brokers	188.0	187.4	184.4	0.6	3.6	0.3	2.0
Real Estate	146.1	146.1	139.5	0.0	6.6	0.0	4.7
Comb. Holding and Other Investment Co.	17.8	17.7	16.8	0.1	1.0	0.6	6.0
Services	2,593.4	2,570.6	2,457.2	22.8	136.2	0.9	5.5
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	140.4	139.0	128.2	1.4	12.2	1.0	9.5
Personal Services	124.9	122.6	112.6	2.3	12.3	1.9	10.9
Business Services	644.2	642.2	583.0	2.0	61.2	0.3	10.5
Auto and Misc. Repair Services	157.0	156.4	148.9	0.6	8.1	0.4	5.4
Motion Pictures	82.2	81.9	75.9	0.3	6.3	0.4	8.3
Amusement and Recreation Services	108.0	105.0	101.5	3.0	6.5	2.9	6.4
Health Services	618.9	617.1	614.2	1.8	4.7	0.3	0.8
Other Services	717.8	706.4	692.9	11.4	24.9	1.6	3.6
Government	1,759.2	1,740.4	1,750.3	18.8	8.9	1.1	0.5
Federal Government	334.7	333.3	326.4	1.4	8.3	0.4	2.5
State and Local Governments	1,424.5	1,407.1	1,423.9	17.4	0.6	1.2	0.0
County	221.7	220.8	217.1	0.9	4.6	0.4	2.1
City	189.6	188.8	186.5	0.8	3.1	0.4	1.7
Education	744.0	729.0	759.5	15.0	−15.5	2.1	−2.0
Education State	148.0	143.0	146.6	5.0	1.4	3.5	1.0
Education Local	596.0	586.0	612.9	10.0	−16.9	1.7	−2.8
Other State and Local	269.2	268.5	260.8	0.7	8.4	0.3	3.2
State exc ed	175.9	175.3	170.9	0.6	5.0	0.3	2.9
Special District	93.3	93.2	89.9	0.1	3.4	0.1	3.8
Total Agriculture	275.0	283.9	274.0	−8.9	1.0	−3.1	0.4

SOURCE: Employment Development Department, Employment Data and Research Division
NOTE: Current month's data are preliminary.

TABLE 5
MONTHLY LABOR FORCE DATA FOR COUNTIES
JANUARY 1985
REVISED

COUNTY	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	
			NUMBER	PERCENT*
STATE TOTAL	12,761,400	11,737,800	1,023,600	8.0
Alameda	583,400	540,925	42,475	7.3
Alpine	1,125	1,075	50	3.7
Amador	7,925	7,000	925	11.7
Butte	67,150	58,925	8,225	12.3
Calaveras	8,275	6,975	1,300	15.7
Colusa	7,475	5,800	1,675	22.4
Contra Costa	345,450	322,100	23,350	6.8
Del Norte	6,850	5,650	1,200	17.6
El Dorado	46,900	42,700	4,200	9.0
Fresno	290,600	248,200	42,400	14.6
Glenn	10,650	8,975	1,675	15.7
Humboldt	48,875	42,550	6,325	12.9
Imperial	45,200	31,150	14,050	31.1
Inyo	10,750	9,900	850	7.9
Kern	216,200	190,700	25,500	11.8
Kings	30,250	25,625	4,625	15.3
Lake	15,675	13,250	2,425	15.5
Lassen	8,975	7,475	1,500	16.7
Los Angeles	3,981,000	3,664,000	317,000	8.0
Madera	33,350	28,950	4,400	13.2
Marin	125,250	119,750	5,500	4.4
Mariposa	4,450	3,850	600	13.4
Mendocino	32,325	27,625	4,700	14.5
Merced	67,650	56,400	11,250	16.6
Modoc	4,575	3,950	625	13.8
Mono	5,350	5,050	300	5.7
Monterey	145,700	124,500	21,200	14.6
Napa	40,875	37,275	3,600	8.8
Nevada	24,150	21,450	2,700	11.2
Orange	1,317,100	1,260,900	56,200	4.3
Placer	63,000	57,300	5,700	9.0
Plumas	7,750	6,050	1,700	21.9
Riverside	293,000	268,200	24,800	8.5
Sacramento	410,500	377,100	33,400	8.1
San Benito	11,900	9,325	2,575	21.7
San Bernardino	392,900	362,300	30,600	7.8
San Diego	890,100	835,600	54,500	6.1
San Francisco	396,275	370,775	25,500	6.4
San Joaquin	173,600	146,700	26,900	15.5
San Luis Obispo	81,000	75,950	5,050	6.2
San Mateo	329,825	316,475	13,350	4.0
Santa Barbara	169,900	159,000	10,900	6.4
Santa Clara	891,600	846,200	45,400	5.1
Santa Cruz	100,400	88,800	11,600	11.6
Shasta	54,675	45,550	9,125	16.7
Sierra	1,075	825	250	24.0
Siskiyou	16,975	13,050	3,925	23.2
Solano	103,500	93,800	9,700	9.4
Sonoma	159,300	147,300	12,000	7.5
Stanislaus	134,900	111,300	23,600	17.5
Sutter	23,425	18,300	5,125	21.8
Tehama	16,150	13,550	2,600	16.1
Trinity	5,525	4,275	1,250	22.5
Tulare	130,300	112,150	18,150	13.9
Tuolumne	15,200	12,725	2,475	16.3
Ventura	273,800	252,500	21,300	7.8
Yolo	61,000	53,200	7,800	12.9
Yuba	20,500	16,875	3,625	17.7

*NOTE: Census ratios used in deriving these estimates are from the 1980 Census. Unemployment rate is based on unrounded data. Data not seasonally adjusted.